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TWO PLEAD GUILTY TO DRUG CONSPIRACY AND GUN CHARGES

Orlando, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill today announced that Damon Daniel MCCURRY, a/k/a Antonio Brown, and Toby Leon GAMBLE, residents of Cocoa, Florida, pleaded guilty to the offenses of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute crack cocaine (over 50 grams) , possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine (over 5 grams), possession with intent to distribute cocaine hydrochloride, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and carrying a firearm in and during a drug trafficking crime. MCCURRY faces a term of imprisonment of life on the conspiracy charge; he likewise faces a consecutive mandatory minimum term of 30 years' imprisonment on the firearms counts. GAMBLE faces a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 10 years' to life; he also faces a consecutive mandatory minimum term of 30 years' imprisonment on the firearms counts.

According to the plea agreement, between August 2007 and October 2007 MCCURRY and GAMBLE joined and participated in a conspiracy to distribute over 50 grams of crack cocaine in Cocoa, Florida, with co-conspirators Pierre Cortez Banks and Celia Theresa Meeks, a/k/a Celia Theresa McCurry. MCCURRY is married to Meeks. Both Banks and Meeks previously entered guilty pleas for their roles in the conspiracy.

The case represents the culmination of a cooperative effort between the United States Attorney's Office, the State Attorney's Office for Brevard/Seminole Counties, the City of Cocoa Police Department, the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, the Melbourne Police Department, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement ("FDLE") and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF"). This is another case prosecuted as a part the Department of Justice program "Project Safe Neighborhoods" - a nationwide gun violence reduction initiative with strong support from ATF. United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill is coordinating the cooperative effort here in the Middle District of Florida with federal, state and local law enforcement officials. In Brevard County, State Attorney Norm Wolfinger is calling the initiative "Operation Cease Fire." The objective is to reduce violent crime by locating and seizing unlawfully possessed guns and then swiftly prosecuting the offenders using both federal and state gun laws.

The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney Kelly Jo Heiser.